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CORONA

FOR DR MCMILLAN FROM GEN GREER

REFERENCES: C [redacted] 19, C [redacted]. THIS MESSAGE IN FOUR PARTS.

PART I. REFERENCE (A) REFER [redacted] RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCURACY OF CORONA ORBITAL PLANNING INFORMATION. IN ADDITION, I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES DURING CORONA MISSIONS WHERE THE PRESENT SETUP HAS RESULTED IN INCORRECT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL STATUS OF THE VEHICLE/PAYLOAD BEING TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON. ALSO, RECENT ACTIONS OF RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL AT THE A/P PAYLOAD INTEGRATION AND CHECKOUT FACILITY HAVE REFLECTED A WITHDRAWING FROM THE STC WHICH MATERIALLY AFFECTS MY OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT MY OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES. I BELIEVE THAT THIS SITUATION CAN BE CORRECTED BY RELATIVELY SIMPLE BUT EXPLICIT DIRECTION FROM YOU, WHICH IS WITHIN THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT HIGHER LEVELS YET DOES NOT PRESUPPOSE OR PREJUDICE THE EVENTUAL RESOLUTION OF THE BASIC ISSUES. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE THE ACTION OUTLINED IN PART II BELOW. AS BACKGROUND [redacted] TION, I ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE SEEN [redacted] 926 SINCE [redacted] D AN INFO COPY, BUT HAVE NOT SEEN [redacted] 247. THIS LATTER MESSAGE IS QUOTED BELOW IN PART III. ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINS OPERATIONAL JARGON WITH WHICH YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR IT CLEARLY REFLECTS THE PRESENT MUDDLED OPERATIONAL SITUATION THE WEST COAST.

PART II: RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:

A. SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: QUOTE: SECRET IMMED [redacted] INFO [redacted] CIT [redacted] FOR GENERAL GREER AND C [redacted] FROM [redacted]. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE UNRESOLVED ISSUES CONCERNING THE CORONA PROJECT, WHICH ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AT HIGHER LEVELS, THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROJECT DICTATES AN UNEQUIVOCAL ASSIGNMENT OF WEST COAST OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENT/CLARIFICATION OF SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

(1) ALL PRE-MISSION, MISSION, AND POST-MISSION CORONA TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST COASTS WILL BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY BETWEEN [redacted] AND [redacted] TERMINALS OF THE [redacted]. GEN GREER [redacted] RESPONSIBLE FOR [redacted] ACCURACY AND CONTENT OF ALL SUCH TRAFFIC TRANSMITTED FROM [redacted] AND WILL DESIGNATE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW AND RELEASE [redacted] TO TRANSMISSION.

(3) DURING MISSIONS, THE WEST COAST CORONA COMMAND POST WILL BE LOCATED IN THE STC UNDER OVERALL COMMAND OF GEN GREER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

(A) ALL DECISIONS AFFECTING OR INFLUENCED BY THE TECHNICAL HEALTH OF THE VEHICLE OR PAYLOAD.

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(B) ALL DECISIONS AS TO WHEN AND HOW TO RECOVER, EXCEPT FOR DECISION TO RECOVER EARLY DUE [redacted] INTELLIGENCE REASON, WHICH DECISION WILL BE TRANSMITTED FROM [redacted]

(C) ALL DECISIONS TO CARRY OUT ON-ORBIT ENGINEERING OPERATIONS.

[redacted] CARRYING OUT ALL OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM [redacted] UNLESS THE TECHNICAL HEALTH OF THE VEHICLE OR PAYLOAD [redacted] SUCH ACTIONS INADVISABLE.

(4) DURING CORONA MISSIONS, RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATION FROM THE A/P PAYLOAD INTEGRATION AND CHECKOUT FACILITY WILL BE PRESENT AT THE COMMAND POST IN THE STC TO PROVIDE ADVICE AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY GEN GREER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. UNQUOTE.

B. SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALL ADDRESSEES HOLDING THE CORONA REPORTS CONTROL MANUAL (REBIND MANUAL): QUOTE: IMMEDIATE (ALL ADDRESSEES) C[redacted]. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL CORONA OPERATIONS TR[redacted] PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED TO, OR ORIGINATED BY [redacted] OR [redacted] WILL BE ADDRESSED TO OR ORIGINATED BY [redacted] REFERENCE [redacted] AND SUBSTITUTE [redacted] FOR THESE ENTRIES IN THE [redacted] MANUEL. UNQUOTE.

PART III. AS NOTED IN PART I ABOVE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. PEOPLE MENTIONED WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR ARE:

LT COL [redacted] - 6594TH FIELD TASK FORCE DIRECTOR FOR THIS PROJECT.

MAJOR [redacted] - LT COL [redacted] ASSISTANT.

MAJOR [redacted] - COL [redacted] A/P REPRESENTATIVE.

CAP[redacted] - ANOTHER LT CO[redacted] ASSISTANTS.

MR [redacted] - SENIOR [redacted] (RESIDENT) REPRESENTATIVE AT THE STC.

MR [redacted] LMSC EMPLOYEE WHO SUPPORTS LT COL [redacted] AT THE STC.

MR [redacted] LMSC EMPLOYEE AT A/P FACILITY.

MR [redacted] - LMSC EMPLOYEE AT A/P FACILITY.

MR [redacted] REFERRED TO AS "COL" HE IS THE RETIRED LT COL [redacted] WHO SERVED AS WEATHER OFFICER ON THE STAFF: NOW WORKS AS AGENC[redacted] CIVILIAN AT THE A/P FACILITY AS ASSISTANT TO LT COL WEBB.

QUOTE:

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IMMEDIATE [redacted] 247

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FOR CO[redacted] COL MURPHY FROM LT COL [redacted]

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SUBJECT: RESOLVE OF ACTIONS REVS 1-7:

(A) TLM FROM REV 1 KODI AND REV 2 HILA INDICATED EXCESSIVE CYCLES, BUT NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL APPROX 1830 DUE TO WEAK AND POSSIBLY UNRELIABLE TLM LINKS.

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(B) [redacted] E NOTIFIED: [redacted]
WEBB, [redacted] P TECHNICIANS AND I
CALLED MOFFETT, BUT YOU [redacted]
(C) OF THOSE CALLED [redacted] AP ELECTRICAL
MAN CAME TO STC TO ANALYZE PROBLEM WITH [redacted]
(D) POGO REV 5, 2048 PST (2.1 DEGREE ELEV) WAS BROUGHT UP
FOR DATA BUT GOT NOTHING AND AT THIS POINT IN TIME FEELING WAS
W/H PROGRAMMER HAD SOMEHOW STARTED INSTRUMENT WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY
TURNED OFF BY "OFF" BURST, THIS OCCURRING ON BOTH REVS 1 AND 2.
(E) LT COL WEBB CALLED IN, DESIRED REV 6 CMDG APPROX 2125,
BUT AT THIS TIME NO FIRM RECOMMENDATION TO GO "OFF".
(F [redacted] AND I CALLED COL [redacted] PROX 2130 AND FOLLOWING
DISCUSSION RESULTED IN DECISION TO TURN OFF ON REV 6.
(G) I THEN CALLED WEBB TO GET CONCURRENCE BUT HE WAS ENROUTE
TO STC, ARRIVING APPROX 2155. AT THIS POINT [redacted] AND HIS
PEOPLE NOW RECOMMENDED STRONGLY TO SHUT OFF [redacted] POSSIBLE
OVERLOADING, BREAKING INSTRUMENT, AND STILL DEFINITELY UNRESOLVED
ANOMALY.
(H) WEBB FINALLY CONCEDED AT APPROX 2206 TO SHUT OFF ON REV
6 AT 2208. I IMMEDIATELY TOLD MY DUTY OFFICER TO GO TO "HOME OFF"
WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED. DURING THE PASS WEBB WANTED ME TO WATCH
AUGIE REAL TIME AND IF CYCLE COUNT WAS OK, DON'T GO "OFF". I DID NOT
WANT TO DO THIS AND AUGIE WAS TOO POOR ANYHOW.
(I) REV 6 DATA SHOWED ALL OK BUT REV 7 WAS LEFT ALONE AND
NORMAL MODE COMMENCED ON REV 8. ALSO IT WAS THEN DETERMINED THAT
ANOMALY WAS ON REV 1 ONLY.
2. RESUME OF ACTIONS REVS 13-14:
(A) REV 13 POGO BOSS 1700Z ANA 12 PUT IN POS ONE ANA 15 IN
POS FOUR TO PROVIDE 0100 ON REVS 13, 14, 15, 16, THEREBY OBTAIN-
ING DESIRED OP ON REV 14 AND NONE ON OTHERS.
(B) REV 14 POGO BOSS 1832Z MAJ [redacted]
WERE MONITORING IN MY AP ROOM. CAPT [redacted] WERE ALSO IN
THE STC.
(C) SHORTLY AFTER POGO ACQ COL [redacted] LED IN DURING AN
ACTIVE PASS AND ADVISED [redacted] WANTED NO ENG OP ON REV 16.
(D) A QUICK CHECK OF PROCEDURING ACQS AND THE FACT REV 15
WAS DOWN AND SLOT CONVINCED [redacted] TO CHANGE ANA 15
BACK TO ONE, THEREBY PROVIDING 0110 FOR REVS 14, 15, 16, 17.
BOSS SENT THE CMD AND THIS NEGATED REV 14 DESIRED OP BUT ASSURED
REV 16.
(E) I ENTERED ROOM JUST PRIOR TO BOSS FADE, BUT CAUGHT THE
ERROR TOO LATE FOR BOSS TO SEND ADDITIONAL COMMAND.
(F) LACK OF CONTROL PASS LISTING, INEXPERIENCE OF BOTH
[redacted] INPUTS DURING MIDPASS WITHOUT CAREFUL CHECKS
[redacted] CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ERROR.
3. PRIME FACTOR IN ABOVE INCIDENTS IS THAT WEBB'S OPERATIONS ARE
NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM THE STC IN PRACTICALLY EVERY
RESPECT OTHER THAN TO CHECK MICROWAVE. WE SELDOM SEE ANY OF HIS
PEOPLE AND THE GREAT MAJORITY OF ALL BUSINESS IS NOW BY PHONE.
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UNQUOTE.
PART IV. (FOR [redacted] THIS MESSAGE ALSO ANSWERS YOUR
REQUEST OF REFERE [redacted]

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